

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :

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For

SOL-GEL MANUFACTURED ENERGETIC MATERIALS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/926,357 filed September 9, 1997, as follows:

In The Claims:

Claims 2-25, cancel.

Please add the following claim:

26. A sol-gel process for producing solid energetic material which

stores chemical energy in a fixed volume.